

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Original) Combination preparation consisting of at least one active agent A from the group hyaluronic acid, the salts and fragments thereof, an active agent B from the group of local anaesthetics and derivatives thereof and if necessary further additives for human and veterinary medical therapy, prophylaxis and/or metaphylaxis of degenerative or traumatic articular diseases and articular function disorders and also articular cartilage and cartilage bone defects.
2. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the active agents A and B are bonded to each other chemically or physically, and in that the active agent B can be released in a delayed manner.
3. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the active agent A is contained in a concentration between 0.001 and 5% by weight, preferably between 0.2 and 2% by weight.
4. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the active agent B is contained in a concentration between 0.001 and 20% by weight, preferably between 0.001 and 5% by weight.
5. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein agents with radical interceptor properties, in particular tocopherol derivatives and/or ascorbic acid derivatives, are contained as additive.
6. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein agents of the hyaline cartilage tissue, in particular glucosamine sulphate derivatives and/or chondroitin sulphate derivatives, are contained as additive.
7. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein agents with a steroidal or corticoidal effect, in particular glucocorticoids, are contained as additive.

8. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein non-steroidal antiphlogistics, in particular indometacin, diclofenac or salicylic acid derivatives, are contained as additive.

9. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein analgesics, in particular oxicams, aniline or anthranilic acid derivatives, are contained as additive.

10. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein agents with an inhibitory effect on prostaglandin synthesis, in particular lipoxxygenase inhibitors, cyclo-oxygenase inhibitors and phospholipase A2 inhibitors, are contained as additive.

11. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein growth factors, in particular retinol or bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs), are contained as additive.

12. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein vitamins, in particular vitamin A, C, B12 or biotin, are contained as additive.

13. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein antioxidants, in particular flavonoids or glutathione, are contained as additive.

14. (Currently Amended) Combination preparation according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that~~ wherein agents with water-binding properties, in particular urea or arginine, are contained as additive.

15. (Original) Use of hyaluronic acid, the salts and fragments thereof in combination with at least one active agent from the group of local anaesthetics and derivatives thereof for preparing a medicament for human and veterinary medical therapy, prophylaxis and/or metaphylaxis of degenerative or traumatic articular diseases and articular function disorders.

16. (Original) Use according to claim 15 for human and veterinary medical therapy, prophylaxis and/or metaphylaxis of articular cartilage and cartilage bone defects.

17. (Original) Use according to claim 15 for human and veterinary medical therapy, prophylaxis and/or metaphylaxis of meniscus and intervertebral disc diseases.

18. (Original) Use according to claim 15 in order to increase the proliferation of chondrocytes.

19. (Original) Use according to claim 15 in order to stabilise and/or regenerate articular structures, in particular of the articular cartilage and of the meniscus.

20. (Original) Use according to claim 15 in order to increase articular mobility.

21. (Original) Use according to claim 15 in order to inhibit inflammatory processes.

22. (Original) Use according to claim 15 in order to treat skin or mucous membrane changes.